



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION

**Mental Health Month**

**WHEREAS**, mental health is essential to everyone's overall health and well-being; and

**WHEREAS**, all Americans experience times of difficulty and stress in their lives, and many are now experiencing significant stress due to current economic conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, prevention is an effective way to reduce the burden of mental health conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a strong body of research that supports specific tools that all Americans can use to better handle challenges, and protect their health and well-being; and

**WHEREAS**, mental health conditions are real and prevalent in our nation; and

**WHEREAS**, with effective treatment, those individuals with mental health conditions can recover and lead full, productive lives; and

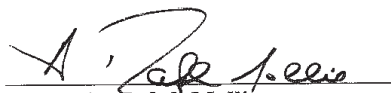
**WHEREAS**, the Mental Health Association of Rhode Island, Mental Health America, the National Council for Community Behavioral Healthcare and their national partners, observe Mental Health Month each May to raise awareness and understanding of mental health issues; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lincoln D. Chafee**, Governor of the State of Rhode Island do hereby proclaim May, 2011 as Mental Health Month in Rhode Island and encourage all of its citizens to work together to promote increasing awareness and understanding of mental health, the steps our citizens can take to protect their mental health, and the need for appropriate and accessible services for all people with mental health conditions.



Given under my hand and the great  
seal of the State of Rhode Island  
and Providence Plantations,  
this 20<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2011

  
Lincoln D. Chafee  
Governor

  
A. Ralph Mollis  
Secretary of State